

Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/664,937	Applicant(s) FANG ET AL.	
Examiner Dennis Rosario-Vasquez	Art Unit 2621	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amend. 10/01/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5,7-11,13,15,17 and 19-21.
3. The drawings filed on 09/19/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


DANIEL MIRIAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment was received on October 01, 2004 and entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 9, filed October 01, 2004, with respect to claims 2,9-13,16-17,19 and 20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The finality of the Office Action of July 30, 2004 has been withdrawn.

3. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, pages 9 and 10, filed October 01, 2004, with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1 has been withdrawn.

Claims 2,3,5,7 and 21 depend from claim 1 so they too are allowable.

4. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, pages 10 and 11, filed October 01, 2004, with respect to claim 8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 8 has been withdrawn.

Claims 9,10,11,13 and 19 depend from claim 8, so they too are allowable.

5. Applicant's arguments, see amendment pages 10-12, filed October 01, 2004, with respect to claim 15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 15 has been withdrawn.

Claims 17 and 20 depend from claim 15, so they too are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5,7,8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 21 are allowed.

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Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis Rosario-Vasquez whose telephone number is 703-305-5431. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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